

**Monday, February 9, 2004**

## Ministry ready to help Baghdad residents find jobs, training

Story by Capt. Jean-Pierre Brown, 1st BCT PAO Representative

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A big ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the grand reopening of the Baghdad Unemployment center located beside the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs Jan. 29.

The Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs is responsible for training, job opportunities, and social welfare for all Iraqis.

With the reconstruction of the Ministry's building complete, the unemployment office can now operate more effectively and help people looking for jobs.

This office is the first official establishment where Iraqis have the opportunity to seek employment and are provided the opportunity to improve their English, computer and business skills. The Ministry is planning to open two more offices by March in other locations in the city.

The reconstruction of the new ministry building was very much needed and cost over \$800,000.

"The significance of this building is that this ministry is responsible for all the Iraqi citizens including the children, and this facility gives them a place to begin. A place to assist them with employment and the technology to improve," said Sami Azer AL Magon, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs.

The Ministry has many plans for future operations and benefits for Iraqis, he said.

The summer, the ministry was seeing and placing approximately 1,000 people a day in full, part-time and temporary jobs positions throughout Baghdad. With the on set of colder weather, the unemployment office helps about 500 people a day. It still has more jobs available than they can fill daily.

The Ministry also recognizes the need to pay unemployment benefits to jobless citizens until they have the opportunity to find a job and earn enough money to support a family.

The plan for social welfare does not mean the person will be able to remain stable and support his family without working. The benefits will last between six months and one year. After that period of time the recipient will should be employed or furthering his education, Magon said.

According to the ministry's statistical information the average rate of unemployment in Baghdad, this time



**Workmen complete the finishing touches to the landscaping around the recently refurbished Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in Baghdad.**

last year was around 59 percent.

Over the next year or two the Ministry plans to significantly reduce that figure, he said.

Magon said the ministry will help people find a suitable job, but also they receive the training to increase their ability to remain in an upwardly mobile career field of their choosing.

The center also has plans for future entrepreneurs who desire small businesses in and around town. Once the local banks become more stable there will be contracts drawn to low interest loans to help facilitate a new business.

"We are planning to involve local banks to assist small business with getting start and productive," Magon said. "This will enable the people to increase their income."

With the refurbishment of the ministry building, it is now easier for Iraqis to seek jobs and acquire training, improve their chances of finding a solid job and beginning their promising profession.

This new facility sends a strong message to the rest of Iraq that the citizens of Baghdad are steadily regaining control of their lives and are boldly moving forward to join the rest of the world community in peace and prosperity, Magon said.

# The Old Ironsides Report

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## **News...**

### **Bush Defends War in Rare TV Interview**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Defending his decision to invade Iraq, President Bush said that although stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons have not been found, Saddam Hussein had the capacity to produce such arms and could have developed a nuclear weapon over time. Bush denied he led the U. S. into war under false pretenses, but said that some prewar intelligence apparently was inaccurate. He did not directly respond to allegations that his administration exaggerated intelligence to bolster a march to oust the Iraqi president.

### **GI Dies As Iraq Insurgents Attack Convoys**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Insurgents attacked U.S. Army convoys in three areas, killing one soldier and wounding three others Sunday, witnesses and the U.S. command said. Elsewhere, a U.N. team met with Iraqi leaders Sunday to discuss the chances of holding early legislative elections, and its leader pledged to do "everything possible" to help the country regain its sovereignty.

### **Kerry Picks Up Va. Governor's Endorsement**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats Wesley Clark, Howard Dean and John Edwards said Sunday they will not be deterred by John Kerry's decisive wins in Michigan and Washington state and will stay in the presidential race indefinitely. Kerry criticized President Bush on the Iraq war while picking up another endorsement. Clark said that he expected to do well in contests in Tennessee and Virginia Tuesday, and in Wisconsin Feb. 17. But even if he didn't win in any of those states, Clark pledged to remain in the race at least through the March 2 "Super Tuesday" primaries.

### **U.S. Terror Expert Warns of Dirty Bomb**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Terrorists have the will and some of the expertise to make a chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapon, and are "doing everything they can" to acquire the materials, the U.S. State Department's top anti-terror official said. Cofer Black, U.S. ambassador at large for anti-terrorism, said that al-Qaida is still dangerous even though more than two-thirds of its leaders from the time of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks have been killed or arrested.

### **Rebels Force Haitian Police to Flee City**

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP) - Police fled this key Haitian city after failing in bloody battles to vanquish rebels seeking to oust President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The death toll Sunday in the recent violence rose to at least 18. Some 150 police had tried to retake Gonaives Saturday, two days after armed rebels seized and burned the police station and drove officers out. Before midnight Saturday, rebel violence had forced police to withdraw again, leaving seven officers and two rebels dead.

## **Entertainment...**

### **Grammys Try to Put Focus Back on Music**

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY. AP Music Writer  
LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Hip-hop was poised to wrestle control of the Grammys away from the Janet Jackson scandal on Sunday, with the eclectic rap duo OutKast, retiring rapper Jay-Z, producer-performer Pharrell Williams and the diva Beyonce leading the field with six nominations each.

Jackson and Justin Timberlake's breast-baring Super Bowl peep show, which sparked nationwide outrage and a federal investigation, had far-reaching effects on CBS' Grammy telecast. The network, which also broadcast the Super Bowl a week ago, was to institute a five-minute tape delay of the event, to make sure no lewd or potentially offensive behavior made it on the air.

Jackson had been scheduled to attend, but that changed after the Super Bowl. It was unclear if she decided to pull out or was asked to stay away.

Timberlake, however, was to perform at the show. He was up for five awards, including album of the year for his solo debut, "Justified."

Among the other performers included Beyonce, up for record of the year for her chart-topping hit, "Crazy in Love," and OutKast, heavy favorites to win album of the year for their double disc "Speakerboxxx-The Love Below," which mixed everything from pop to rock to jazz amid rap.

Nominated for five awards was Luther Vandross, who suffered a debilitating stroke last year, two months before the release of his album "Dance With My Father." The title track was nominated for song of the year, the first time the R&B crooner has been nominated in a major category at the Grammys.

Although there had been speculation Vandross might attend, the idea was nixed by his doctors. There was to be a tribute to him by Alicia Keys and Celine Dion.

Warren Zevon, who died of lung cancer just days after the release of his disc "The Wind," was also nominated for five awards, including song of the year for "Keep Me In Your Heart."

The Grammys were to bestow 105 awards in categories ranging from rap to classical to polka on Sunday night. The bulk of those awards were to be handed out in its pre-telecast ceremony.

### ***Chaplain's thought for the day...*** **Attitude**

We cannot change our past. We can not change the fact that people act in a certain way. We can not change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

-Charles Swindoll

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| Start Time  | SPORTS  | ATLANTIC  | SPECTRUM  | PACIFIC   | NEWS                         | Start Time |
| 00:00   |   |   | M*A*S*H : - WHAT'S UP DOC?                              |   | CNN SUNDAY                   | 00:00      |
| 00:30   |   |   | THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - JUST FRIENDS              |   |                              | 00:30      |
| 01:00   |   |   | ALL IN THE FAMILY : - NO SMOKING                        |   | MEET THE PRESS               | 01:00      |
| 01:30   | SPORTSCENTER  |   | THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - TWENTY TWO                        |   |                              | 01:30      |
| 02:00   | DAVIS CUP TENNIS TOURNAMENT - FIRST ROUND: SINGLES (AUSTRIA VS USA) | NFL COUNTDOWN   | FANTASY ISLAND : - SALEM/ SUPERSTAR                     | SESAME STREET   | TIM RUSSERT                  | 02:00      |
| 03:00   |   |   | ROCKET POWER : - OTTO'S BIG BREAK                       | DORA: THE EXPLORER : - TO THE MONKEY BARS                       | FOX REPORT                   | 03:00      |
| 03:30   |   | NFL PRO BOWL - AFC ALL-STARs VS NFC ALL-STARs                   | THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS                                   | WHEEL OF FORTUNE  |                              | 03:30      |
| 04:00   | FIGURE SKATING - ISU FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS: FOUR CONTINENTS  |   | THE SIMPSONS : - THE TELL-TALE HEAD                     | THE DR. PHIL SHOW   | THIS WEEK                    | 04:00      |
| 04:30   |   |   | THE COSBY SHOW : - MR. QUIET                            |   |                              | 04:30      |
| 05:00   |   |   | BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FIRST DATE                 | THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW  | DATeline INTERNATIONAL       | 05:00      |
| 06:00   | ESPNEWS   |   | LAW & ORDER : - EGO                                     | HEADLINE NEWS   | 60 MINUTES                   | 06:00      |
| 06:30   | ESPNEWS   |   |   | JUDGE JUDY  |                              | 06:30      |
| 07:00   | COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: ILLINOIS @ MINNESOTA                  | MEET THE PRESS  | NOVA : - THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE: EINSTEIN'S DREAM (PT. 1) | ACCESS HOLLYWOOD  | CNN PRESENTS                 | 07:00      |
| 07:25   |   |   |   | GUIDING LIGHT   |                              | 07:25      |
| 08:00   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | MONSTER GARAGE : - HOT-AIR BALLON                       |   | LARRY KING LIVE              | 08:00      |
| 08:13   |   |   |   | GENERAL HOSPITAL  |                              | 08:13      |
| 08:30   |   | ESPNEWS   |   |   |                              | 08:30      |
| 09:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | SESAME STREET   | THE HASTY HEART   | LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES : - RICHTER                  | AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA | 09:00      |
| 09:30   |   |   |   | DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - IKKAKUMON'S HARPOON TORPEDO |                              | 09:30      |
| 10:00   |   | DORA: THE EXPLORER : - TO THE MONKEY BARS                       |   | DRAGONFLY TV (YR. 1)  | ACCESS HOLLYWOOD             | 10:00      |
| 10:30   | NBA FASTBREAK   | WHEEL OF FORTUNE  |   | EVEN STEVENS : - HECK OF A HANUKKAH                             |                              | 10:30      |
| 11:00   | PGA TOUR - AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO AM: FINAL ROUND                    | THE DR. PHIL SHOW   | ROCKET POWER : - OTTO'S BIG BREAK                       | JEOPARDY!   | BELTWAY BOYS                 | 11:00      |
| 11:30   |   |   | THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS                                   | HEADLINE NEWS   | FOX NEWS WATCH               | 11:30      |
| 11:46   |   | THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW  |   |   |                              | 11:46      |
| 11:52   |   |   |   | PACIFIC REPORT  |                              | 11:52      |
| 12:00   |   |   | THE SIMPSONS : - THE TELL-TALE HEAD                     | ESPNEWS   | BULLS & BEARS                | 12:00      |
| 12:30   |   |   | THE COSBY SHOW : - MR. QUIET                            | HEADLINE NEWS   | CAVUTO ON BUSINESS           | 12:30      |
| 12:35   |   | GUIDING LIGHT   |   |   |                              | 12:35      |
| 12:52   |   |   |   | PACIFIC REPORT  |                              | 12:52      |
| 13:00   |   |   | BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FIRST DATE                 | 46TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS                                       | 60 MINUTES                   | 13:00      |
| 13:17   |   | GENERAL HOSPITAL  |   |   |                              | 13:17      |
| 14:00   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | LAW & ORDER : - EGO                                     |   | CNN DAYBREAK                 | 14:00      |
| 14:30   | ESPNEWS   | JUDGE JUDY  |   |   |                              | 14:30      |
| 15:00   | ESPNEWS   | TODAY   | NOVA : - THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE: EINSTEIN'S DREAM (PT. 1) |   | GOOD MORNING AMERICA         | 15:00      |
| 15:30   | NFL PRO BOWL - AFC ALL-STARs VS NFC ALL-STARs                       |   |   |   |                              | 15:30      |
| 16:00   |   |   | MONSTER GARAGE : - HOT-AIR BALLON                       |   |                              | 16:00      |
| 16:30   |   |   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   |                              | 16:30      |
| 16:52   |   |   |   | PACIFIC REPORT  |                              | 16:52      |
| 17:00   |   | LILO & STITCH: THE ANIMATED SERIES : - RICHTER                  | THE HASTY HEART   | TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO                                      | HEADLINE NEWS                | 17:00      |
| 17:30   |   | DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - IKKAKUMON'S HARPOON TORPEDO |   |   | CHANNEL ONE                  | 17:30      |
| 17:45   |   |   |   |   | ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING  | 17:45      |
| 18:00   |   | DRAGONFLY TV (YR. 1)  |   | THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN                              | THE EARLY SHOW               | 18:00      |
| 18:30   |   | EVEN STEVENS : - HECK OF A HANUKKAH                             |   |   |                              | 18:30      |
| 19:00   | SPORTSCENTER  | JEOPARDY!   | ROCKET POWER : - OTTO'S BIG BREAK                       | THE RIVER   |                              | 19:00      |
| 19:30   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS                                   |   |                              | 19:30      |
| 20:00   |   | ESPNEWS   | THE SIMPSONS : - THE TELL-TALE HEAD                     |   | FOX NEWS LIVE                | 20:00      |
| 20:30   | COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: CLEMSON @ DUKE                            | HEADLINE NEWS   | THE COSBY SHOW : - MR. QUIET                            |   |                              | 20:30      |
| 21:00   |   | 46TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS                                       | BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FIRST DATE                 |   | 60 MINUTES                   | 21:00      |
| 21:15   |   |   |   | THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO                                     |                              | 21:15      |
| 22:00   |   |   | LAW & ORDER : - EGO                                     |   | FOX NEWS LIVE                | 22:00      |
| 22:30   | ESPNEWS   |   |   |   |                              | 22:30      |
| 23:00   | THE HOT LIST  |   | NOVA : - THE ELEGANT UNIVERSE: EINSTEIN'S DREAM (PT. 1) | ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST   | HEADLINE NEWS                | 23:00      |
| 23:30   | NFL FILMS PRESENTS - SUPER BOWL XXXVIII RECAP                       |   |   | HEADLINE NEWS   | INSIDE POLITICS              | 23:30      |

## *Today in history:*

### **February 9, 1900: DAVIS CUP COMPETITION ESTABLISHED**

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On February 9, 1900, the solid silver trophy known today as the Davis Cup is first put up for competition when American collegian Dwight Filley Davis challenges British tennis players to come across the Atlantic and compete against his Harvard team.

Davis, born in St. Louis, Missouri, won the intercollegiate tennis singles championship in 1899. In the summer of that year, he and his Harvard teammates traveled to the West Coast to play against some of California's best players. Impressed by the enthusiasm with which spectators greeted the national competition, Davis decided to propose an international tennis event. He won the support of the U.S. National Lawn Tennis Association and personally spent \$750 on the construction of an elegant silver trophy bowl, 13 inches high and 18 inches in diameter. In February 1900, Davis put the International Lawn Tennis Challenge Trophy up for competition.

Great Britain, regarded as the world's leading tennis power, answered Davis' challenge, and on August 8, 1900, three top British players came to the Longwood Cricket Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, to compete against Davis and his all-Harvard team.

Davis had devised a three-day format for the event that still exists today: two singles matches on the first and third days, and a doubles match on the second day. He was captain of the U.S. team and on August 8 received serve on the very first Davis Cup point, which he hit out. He ending up triumphing in the singles match, however, and the next day with Holcombe Ward defeated the British doubles team. Rain forced the cancellation of two of the singles matches, and the first Davis Cup ended with a 3-0 Harvard sweep.

Davis was famous for his powerful left-handed serve and concentrated on a risky net play strategy that won him brilliant victories and unexpected defeats. With Ward, he won the U.S. doubles title in 1900 and 1901, and he was ranked fourth nationally in 1902. That year, the British returned for a Davis Cup rematch in New York, and the star American doubles team succumbed to the ascendant Doherty brothers--Laurie and Reggie. The United States pulled ahead in singles, however, and kept the International Lawn Tennis Challenge Trophy with a 3-2 overall victory.

The next year, the Doherty brothers helped take the trophy back to England for the first time. In 1904, Belgium and France entered the Davis Cup competition, and soon after, Australia and New Zealand, whose players played collectively as Australasia. The trophy did not return to the U.S. until 1913 and then stayed only for a year before departing for Australasia.

After receiving a law degree, Dwight Davis returned to St. Louis and became involved in local politics. Beginning in 1911, he served as public parks commissioner and built the first municipal tennis courts in the United States. He fought in World War I and earned the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery. In 1920, he made an unsuccessful bid for the U.S. Senate but the next year traveled to Washington nonetheless as director of the War Finance Corporation. Beginning in 1923, he served as assistant secretary of war under President Calvin Coolidge and in 1925 was made secretary of war proper. In 1929, President Herbert Hoover appointed him governor-general of the Philippines, and he served in this post--which essentially made him the ruler of the Philippines--for the next four years.

Throughout his distinguished career as a statesman, Davis remained involved in tennis as both an avid recreational player and an administrator. In 1923, he served as president of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association. When the International Lawn Tennis Challenge Trophy ran out of room for names, he donated a large silver tray to go with the bowl.

Today, the Davis Cup, as the International Lawn Tennis Challenge Trophy is commonly known, is the premier trophy of international team tennis. Each year, dozens of nations compete for the right to advance to the finals. Shortly before his death in 1945, David said of the growing prestige of the Davis Cup, "If I had known of its coming significance, it would have been cast in gold."